

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

1. During the Interview, the examiner pointed out problems with Claims 121 and 135. In response it was agreed that the following Examiner's Amendment was necessary.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given by Iver Cooper on 28 MAY 08 during a telephone interview.

Amend Claims 121, 134 and 135.

121. (Renumbered/Final Claim 92) The method of claim 117, wherein a plurality of different templates is provided in step a) and wherein a plurality of different building blocks is provided in step c).

134. (Renumbered/Final Claim 105) The method of claim 117, comprising the further step of subjecting the library of bifunctional complexes to an enrichment comprising the steps of :

- i) exposing the library to conditions enriching the library with complexes having a predetermined activity,
- ii) amplifying the complexes of the enriched library, thereby obtaining amplification product(s),
- iii) obtaining an enriched library having a higher ratio of complexes comprising templated molecules with the predetermined activity.

135. (Renumbered/Final Claim 106) The method of claim 134, wherein the amplification of the complexes of the enriched library comprises the steps of contacting the library of complexes with amplification means, amplifying the templates or the complementing templates, and conducting the method using the amplification product(s) as templates.

CONCLUSION

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ethan Whisenant, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0754. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30AM - 5:30PM EST or any time via voice mail. If repeated attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, can be reached at (571) 272-0735.

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